

## Our Boys and Girls

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## IN LITTLE BOY LAND.

Oh! green are the meadows in Little Boy Land,  
And blue are the skies bending o'er,  
And golden the butterflies flitting about,  
And pink and white clover,  
And there are cool, running brooks where  
The meadow larks are singing,  
And white lambskins in Little Boy Land.

Oh! down at the Corner in Little Boy Land,  
Is the prettiest spot full of candy,  
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## TEXT OF PRIZE IRRIGATION ODE

The accompanying ode is that which won the \$50 prize, offered by the executive committee of the Irrigation congress. It is the work of Mrs. Gilbert McClurg of Colorado Springs, Colo.

The ode was chosen over fifty competing ones. It will be set to music and sung by 200 voices at the opening of the congress.

## IRRIGATION.

## THE DESERT.

(Recitative).—Oh! desert land!

The land of the smiting sun-glare, deep-blue of the star-pierced night,  
Of rock-piled heights and chasms, awe-fraught to the dizzying sight,  
Where the shadow ever chases the light of the blinding day,  
With purple and pink and crimson, aglow and far away!  
The candlesticks of the cactus, flame-torches here upheld;  
Sunflower disks and feathery mustard spread fields of the cloth of gold.  
The polished cups of amole are girded with spears of thorn—  
When the desert wind arises—and they fade as they were born!  
The rainbow-colored spaces, wan and withered in a breath—  
Fomes of man and beast lie together, under mirage-mock of death!

(Chorus.)

Life of sky and sand, awaking to pray when all is done;  
Land of the desolate people, born of sirocco and sun!

(Recitative).—Oh! desert land!

## MARCH OF THE RACES.

## THE PUEBLO.

To the "Holder of the Trails of Life"

The Pueblo's prayers ascend

He furrows the earth with his stone-

chipped knife

Where the frowning canons bend

And the foaming line of the mountain

stream

He may turn and store at will—

When "serpents of life" flash across

his dream

And prayer-plumes wave on the

hill

(Chorus.)

The waste reclines the ribboned hills, by toil and patience won—  
Land of the wise, peaceful people, long passed to their home in the sun!

## THE INDIAN.

To the "Holder of the Trails of Life"

The Indian's prayers ascend

He furrows the earth with his stone-

chipped knife

Where the frowning canons bend

And the foaming line of the mountain

stream

He may turn and store at will—

When "serpents of life" flash across

his dream

And prayer-plumes wave on the

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(Chorus.)

The waste reclines the ribboned hills, by toil and patience won—  
Land of the wise, peaceful people, long passed to their home in the sun!

## THE PIONEER.

To the "Holder of the Trails of Life"

The Pioneer's prayers ascend

He furrows the earth with his stone-

chipped knife

Where the frowning canons bend

And the foaming line of the mountain

stream

He may turn and store at will—

When "serpents of life" flash across

his dream

And prayer-plumes wave on the

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(Chorus.)

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## THE IRRIGATED REGION.

(Recitative).—Oh! glorious land!

The land of homes for the homeless; of shepherd flocks and herds;

The land where the green-walled thickets are coral with songs of birds;

Where the ancient furrows, silver streamlets are re-drawn;

Where slopes, once arid, lie teeming with wealth of the vine and corn;

The land of sunny spaces, the land of leafy thickets and tall trees;

Of the faith that sees in the desert the promise of verdant blades,

Where fruits, purple, crimson and golden, roll forth from Plenty's horn;

Where souls of noble fealty, of divine mood are born—

Where on glimmering heights of future, gleam fair regenerate years,

Read in crystal chime of water, the transparent globe of seas!

(Chorus.)

In the garden grows the Tree of Life where Eden's rivers run,  
Land of the world-dowered people, nurtured by water and sun!

(Recitative).—Oh! glorious land!

## CHORAL.

1. Creator! in the morn

When starry worlds were born

To worship Thee!

Day was divorced from night,

Life teemed in depth and height,

Joined grove and wave and light—

In trinity!

2. From grim Assyrian world;

Where Egypt rose empyreal;

From the flood, free;

From Mexico's blue lake;

Where the proud Incas slake

The desert's thirst;—they make

The Past for Thee!

3. The Future's sweet, stern eyes

Look out in glad surprise

On lands to be;

Where the world's three in one,

Forest and stream and sun

Have wrought a realm well-won—

Future for Thee!

## POPE PIUS HAS RECOVERED

Giving More Audience Than Before

He Was Ill.

Rome, Aug. 17.—The pope has given

\$20,000 for distribution among the poor

of Rome.

The pontiff seems to have quite re-

covered his health, as he is giving more

audiences than before he suffered from

his recent fainting fit. Although the

heat is still suffocating in the city, the

pontiff has been seen in the gardens

of the Vatican, where he received

Prince Orsini, marshal of the palace,

and questioned him regarding the dis-

charge of his duties as marshal.

The pope said it would be better for him

to be inside the conclave precincts in-

stead of outside, as there were many

efforts to establish communication with

those inside and they could be more

effectually checked if the marshal were

inside.

The pontiff afterward received Prince

Orsini, assistant to the papal throne.

The pope said he would be glad if the

prince would retain his office, which

he had resigned before the death of

Leo XIII, and expressed the hope that

he would not again resign it. In reply

Prince Orsini gave the pope to under-

stand that his resignation had nothing

to do with the duties of his office, but

was tendered on account of his disat-

isfaction with the conduct of certain

matters under the late pope.

HAGUE ARBITRATION.

Czar Will Nominate Three Men Ac-

cording to Agreement.

The Hague, Aug. 17.—The Dutch min-

ister at St. Petersburg has been author-

ized to join the other representative

of the powers there in the invitation

of the czar to nominate three arbitrators

of the claims against Venezuela.

Washington, Aug. 17.—By the peace

protocol with Venezuela it was pro-

vided that the emperor of Russia

should be requested to name the per-

sonnel of The Hague court which

should pass on the contention of the

blockading powers of Great Britain,

Germany and Italy for preferential

treatment in the settlement of their

claims against Venezuela. The other

claimant powers insist that they shall

be paid simultaneously with the blockad-

ing powers. It was agreed that this

point should be left to The Hague to

decide. Wayne MacVeagh, Judge Pen-

field and Herbert W. Bowen will repre-

sent the non-blockading powers before

The Hague.

HOPEFUL FEELING.

Jamaica Planters Making the Best of

Things.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 17.—A slightly

more hopeful feeling now prevails among

the planters regarding the disastrous

situation brought about by the recent

hurricane. The work of cleaning the

banana plantations is progressing apace,

sweet potatoes and maize can be saved.

Efforts are being made on all sides to re-

lieve the disaster, but thousands of the

peasantry are still homeless. The govern-

ment has authorized the purchase of boards

to spend provisionally \$1,500 cash on re-

lief work, repairing roads, public build-

ings, etc. An imperial grant is expected

to enable the ruined planters to recommen-

ce the cultivation of their plantations.

This giving work to the unemployed

Several subscriptions to the relief fund

have been announced. The island of

Trinidad has contributed \$500. A big

meeting was held here today and a sub-

scription was opened, many sums being

donated immediately.

BIG MINING DEAL.

Spokane Expects Some Smelters as

the Result.

Spokane, Aug. 14.—A. B. Campbell, a

millionaire Coeur d'Alene mine owner,

has received a telegram from New York

informing him that the Standard and

mine to the Federal Mining &amp; Smelt-

ing company, a new \$3,000,000 corporation

formed by the Standard and mine, which

has been completed. The price paid for

the Standard is about \$3,000,000. The

Federal company will also take over the

Mammoth mine and the Empire State

mine in the Coeur d'Alenes. The

issued capital of the Federal company

will be \$3,000,000, half common and half

1 per cent preferred. The remaining \$3,000,000

will be in the treasury. The deal

includes the Standard and the

Monte Cristo mine and railroad. The

erection of large smelters at Spokane is

under consideration. John A. Finch, of

A. B. Campbell, of the Standard, and

Charles Sweeney, of the Empire State

company, all of Spokane, will probably

be on the directors. The deal is largely

cash and partly for stock in the new

company. The Coeur d'Alene mines in-

clude in the deal made profits last year

of \$1,000,000.

HERO OF SAN JUAN.